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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/925,576	Applicant(s) ANDERSEN ET AL.	
	Examiner Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D.	Art Unit 1652	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 October 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 11-18, 20 and 24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 11-18, 20, 24 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 11-18, 20, 24 are currently pending in this application.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 11-15, 20, drawn to a variant amylase, classified in class 435, subclass 200.
- II. Claims 16-18, drawn to polynucleotide, vector and host cell, classified in class 435, subclass 252.1.
- III. Claim 24, drawn to a detergent composition, classified in class 510, subclass 114.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II, III are patentably distinct from each other. The polypeptide of group I, the polynucleotide of group II, and the detergent composition of group III, each comprise amino acid sequences and nucleotide sequences and chemical compounds which are chemically unrelated, do not require each other for practice; have separate utilities, such as use of the group I polypeptide to catalyze a hydrolytic reaction versus the use of polynucleotide in a hybridization reaction versus the use of detergent composition in laundry/cleaning industry and are subject to separate manufacture and sale. The groups have acquired separate status in the art and separate fields of search.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: The invention comprises specific variant polypeptide sequences with specific amino acids at specific positions(species) as follows,

R28,

R118,

N174;

R181,

G182,

D183,

G184,

G186,

W189,

N195,

M202,

Y298,

N299,

K302,

S303,

N306,

R310,

N314;

R320,

H324,

E345,

Y396,

R400,

W439,

R444,

N445,

K446,

Q449,

R458,

N471,

N484,

Delta G184;

Delta (R181-G182);

Delta (D183-G184);

R28N,K;

S94K;

R118K;

N125A;

N125R;

N125K;

N174D;

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R181Q;

R181E;

R181K;

G186R;

W189K;

W189K;

N195F;

M202L;

Y298H;

Y298F;

N299A;

K302R,

S303Q,

N306G;

N306D;

N306R;

N306K;

R310A;

R310K,;

R310Q;

R310E;

R310H;

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R310D;

R310N;

N314D;

R320K;

H324K;

E345R;

E345D;

E345K;

E345N;

Y396F;

R400T;

R400K;

W439R;

R444K;

N445K;

N445Q;

K446N;

Q449E;

R458K;

N471E;

N484Q.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species (i.e., a single amino acid position and the a single specific amino acid that is used to substitute) for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, 1-2, 16-18 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

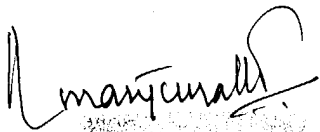
Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0939. The Examiner can normally be reached on 7.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapura Achutamurthy can be reached on 571-272-0928. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306 for regular communications and for After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.



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June 12, 2004